

MOTHER FIGHTS TO GET DAUGHTER BACK

Anna Smirga of Caroline street, through her attorneys, Geduldig & Merva, has started habeas corpus proceedings against Anna Puskar, a relative of Sturgeon, Allegheny county, Pa., for the body of Mary Smirga, aged 13 years, whom the Puskar woman refuses to give up to the mother. Attorney Merva said today that the Puskar woman demands \$2,500 for the return of the girl. Mrs. Smirga has no money, but wants her child from whom she has been separated for 10 years.

About 10 years ago Mrs. Smirga's husband died. She was left with three children. Mrs. Puskar, a relative, volunteered to take Mary. Six years ago the Puskar woman moved from this city to Sturgeon, Pa., taking the child with her. She has steadfastly refused to give up the girl unless \$2,500 is paid to reimburse her for the expense of the girl's care.

SCORE AT 2 O'CLOCK.
At 2 o'clock the five leaders were tied with 1,681 miles, 5 laps; the four second division teams had covered 1,681 miles, 4 laps; the Georgetown boys were a lap back and Gorman and Carapazzi had pedaled 1,670 miles, 8 laps.

The previous record, made last year, was 1,674 miles, 8 laps.

Passing of the organ blower. "The organ blower is passing. He will soon be, like the armorer, extinct," said a musician. "It's a pity. He was a quaint type."

"Most of my blowers were simple minded old chaps who firmly believed they must lead their blowers in the parade. In soft, light passages they blew soft and light. When the crocuses came thundered forth they worked frantically, blowing with all their might and main."

"Often a facetious reporter on the local paper would refer to the excellent blowing of the organist's assistant, Mr. Bellows. Then the blower in his vanity would develop all the affections of a Paderewski or a Sousa. Now he'd blow delicately, a dreamy smile on his lips, his eyes half closed. The music would change to a march, and he'd stamp his foot in time, while up, down, up, down, the old bellows, in time also, would be jerked. At a climax his face would reddens, he'd bend to his task and blow so fast and furious that the organ would nearly burst."

Another Case of Faith. "I wrote a medical friend of mine in London about a curious discovery which I made recently quite by chance, but which I shall never publish to the world through the scientific journals," said a Brooklyn doctor last week.

"Not long ago this friend sent me about fifty little dark colored pellets, and he wrote me that they were a new combination of drugs that he had found particularly good in cases of brain fog. He asked me to try them on my patients and report. During the next month or so I doled out the pellets to several of my patients who came around complaining of tired nerves. All of them said that the medicine did them a lot of good. Yesterday, however, I was going through my office desk and discovered those pellets from London intact in the plain envelope in which I had placed them. A hurried but anxious investigation disclosed that I had been administering to my nerve weary patients some wistaria seed that my wife had gathered, put in a plain envelope and laid inadvertently on my office table."

—Philadelphia Bulletin.

DIED.
GALLAGHER—In this city, Dec. 7, 1909, John Gallagher, aged 45 years, 5 months, 21 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 88 Frank street, on Friday, Dec. 10, at 8:30 a. m., and from St. Patrick's church at 9 a. m., with solemn high mass.

—Interment at St. Michael's cemetery. T. F. A.

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NIGHT THIEF'S DODGING HEART

Puzzles Physicians Who Do Not Know Why Victim of Watchman's Gun Still Lives.

That aged William Carman of Greenwich, who was sentenced yesterday, by Judge Ralph Wheeler, to three months in jail, is alive is beyond the explanation of physicians. Carman on the night of Sept. 19, last, attempted to enter a Greenwich hardware store, as he was entering a window, the watchman fired. The bullet hit Carman just over the heart, went through his body, and came out under the shoulder. His heart normally lay in the course of the leaden shot. The physicians gave only one explanation. They believe that Carman was leaning over in going through the window, which caused his heart to be in a different than normal position. Others suggested that Carman was so frightened when he saw the pistol that his heart went up into his mouth. Carman is now in broken health. He told the court that he was drunk and did not know he was robbing the place.

ELKS' BOWLING TOURNEY

Team H took two out of 3 points in the Elks bowling tournament last night. George Williams was high single with 217.

TEAM H.
J. Musante 132 178 148 458
Buckley 157 155 176 487
Franzen 123 123 140 386
Nevins 154 132 141 427
Callahan 123 217 147 487

TEAM A.
Quinn 150 109 132 391
Smith 135 119 90 344
Miller 166 129 145 440
Coxton 156 162 161 479
Sheridan 152 144 153 449
Walsh 759 654 681 2094

Sheldon's Illness Given as Reason for His Liberty
(Special from United Press.)
Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 8.—The attending physicians today again announced that the condition of George P. Sheldon, deposed president of the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of Brooklyn, is unchanged. No proof has been found to show that the patient's mind has weakened during his present illness.

New York, Dec. 8.—According to a letter received here today by Assistant District Attorney Mott, from Dr. Samuel Lambert, who is attending George P. Sheldon, the deposed and indicted president of the Phoenix Insurance Company, at his home in Greenwich, Conn., Sheldon cannot now be removed from his home without causing his death.

Mayor is to Organize Trolley Relief Committee
Mayor Buckingham will organize the aldermanic committee on better trolley service tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in his office. The committee is composed of the mayor and Aldermen McMurray, Clappett, Jackson and Bullard.

CAPTAIN AND 12 MISSING AFTER FREIGHTER BURNED
(Special from United Press.)
Cleveland, Dec. 8.—The Anchor line freighter Clarion burned to the water's edge off South East Shoal Point Pelee, Ontario, last night. The first mate and one of the crew perished. The captain and twelve others left the ship in a steel life-boat and have not been heard from.

FIVE OF CREW ARE DROWNED
Buffalo, Dec. 8.—The steamer W. C. Richardson, Duluth for Buffalo shifted her big grain cargo when about three miles off the main breakwater shortly after 10 o'clock this morning and five of the ten members of her crew were drowned.

SENATOR MONEY IS NEW LEADER
(Special from United Press.)
Washington, Dec. 8.—The caucus of Democrats this afternoon unanimously elected Senator Money of Mississippi as minority leader, vice Culberson of Texas, who resigned on account of ill-health.

BANK OF ENGLAND REDUCES RATE
(Special from United Press.)
London, Dec. 8.—The Bank of England today reduced its minimum rate of discount from 5 to 4 1/2 per cent. The 5 per cent rate had been in effect since October 21.

CECIL CALVERT COUNCIL K. OF C. ELECTIONS OFFICERS.
The following officers were elected last evening at a meeting of Cecil Calvert Council, Knights of Columbus: Grand knight, Frank Massicotte; deputy grand knight, Thomas Maloney; treasurer, John Leddy; financial secretary, James F. Walsh; recording secretary, John Fitzgerald; chancellor, George Massey; advocate, Matthew Daley; guardian, William Daley; inside guard, William Henson; outside guard, Cornelius Hughes; chaplain, Rev. William H. Lynch; chapter committee, Frank Mylescotte, John Leddy, Frank O'Brien and Matthew Daley.

Just Received
at W. D. Cook & Son's, five hundred gallons of scallops to be sold cheaper than ever before; also a fine lot of halibut, steak cod, haddock, pollock, weak fish, sea trout, striped bass, Spanish mackerel, sea salmon, flatfish, harbor blue fish, crabs, live lobsters, Long Island long clams and oysters, and all other kinds of fresh fish in season to be sold at lowest prices. Pure cod liver oil a specialty, at W. D. Cook & Son's.

—An inventory of the estate of the late Thomas A. Fitzgerald returned to probate court today shows real estate valued at \$900.

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TRIAL OF ARCHDUKE AND AMERICAN WIFE

CARL HEINRICH AND COUNTESS GUBATTA CHARGED WITH SWINDLING PARIS JEWELERS.

(Special from United Press.)
Paris, Dec. 8.—The trial of "Archduke Carl Heinrich," and his wife, the "Countess Gubatta," who was formerly Miss Sylvia Thompson, of New York, on a charge of swindling Paris jewelers, began today in the Correctional Court. The "Archduke" was at one time a cook in New York. The "Count and Countess" recently leased a house in Avenue Kleber, furnished by a nobleman, ex-Chamberlain to the Empress. Almost opposite the American Embassy, it was in the heart of the aristocratic section of Paris and commanded a rental of \$2,000 a month.

In the gallery were placed the "family portraits." The venerable Emperor Franz Joseph, gone in oil, had the place of honor. Immediately the purchase of jewelry began and the Paris jewelers stumbled over each other to enliven the patronage of the "Imperial" couple. Finally M. Fontaine, one of the jewelers became suspicious and started an investigation which quickly resulted in the arrest of the couple.

The "Countess" defense is that she bought the jewels in good faith believing her husband would pay for them.

The woman is 35 years old, 13 years older than her husband. By her first husband, who was a Mr. Van Beck of New York, and for years connected with the Mutual Life Insurance Company, she had five children, who are now in the care of friends in Paris.

The "Count" was born at Scharding, Austria, but went to America quite young. He returned to Austria in 1904 and was later convicted of a petty offense in Vienna. He met the widow Van Beck on the steamer Pennsylvania and admits telling her he was a Grand Duke, but went under the less exalted title because of a family row.

BUSINESS MAN SAYS HIS LIFE IS THREATENED
Mystery surrounds a threat upon the life of B. Blumberg, the well known shoe merchant, said to have been made by a prominent business man.

Mr. Blumberg, accompanied by his wife, called at police headquarters today in great agitation, seeking police protection. He left headquarters after a long conference with Superintendent Birmingham.

Mr. Blumberg was unwilling to disclose the identity of his supposed enemy, and the police were not ready to talk until they had investigated the peculiar case.

Blumberg conducts a shoe store in Main street, near the foot of E'm street, and another at Wall and Water streets.

Oppose Trading Stamps.
The Danbury Retail Butchers' association has taken action in opposition to the use of trading stamps.

Personal to a Bridgeport Boy we Know
Supposing you speak to your mother about that overcoat you want for Xmas.

Tell her that The Surprise Store has just the smart new style overcoat you want.

Tell her that we make all our boys' overcoats in our own tailor shops.

Tell her we employ only the expertest men tailors to work on our boys' garments.

Tell her that we buy all our fabrics direct from the mills, thousands of yards at a time at lowest possible prices.

Ask her to just compare the style, the full cut, the quality and weight of fabric, the quality of trimmings and the workmanship of our boys' clothes with those of any other stores at anywhere near our prices.

Tell her we have overcoats of strictly all wool fancy fabrics in newest grays and other popular shades, cut on regular models, military collar and auto models; sizes 6 to 16 years.

AT \$5.00
Remember our double guarantee binds every sale. "If any purchase for any reason fails to please, the money will be instantly refunded without question." "All clothing pressed and kept in good repair free."

3 New York Stores

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HOWLAND'S

Entrances on Main street Fairfield avenue, and Cannon street
Bridgeport, Conn.,
Thursday, December 9, 1909.

Splendid warm fur coats of double attraction now.



and some in rich brocaded or striped patterns.
Come and slip into one and see how delightful it feels and how well it looks.

Second floor.

Favorite books in nice dress.

Writings of famous men are combined with a binding that gives them double attraction. Nice flexible leather, thin tough paper, clear good-sized type; these meet in the books here told of. They are books that gladly are welcomed to the library; that one can slip in the pocket to read on a journey.

Shakespeare, Temple edition, red leather, 5 vols.,—\$1.25 each.

Robert Louis Stevenson, green limp leather, 27 volumes,—\$1.25 each.

Rudyard Kipling, New Century edition, red limp leather, 2 volumes,—\$1.50 each.

Thackeray, 14 volumes, bound in green limp leather,—90c each.

Dickens, 17 volumes, red limp leather,—90c each.

George Eliot, green limp leather, 12 volumes,—90c each.

Scott, handsome blue limp leather, 25 volumes,—90c each.

Shakespeare complete in 3 volumes, Caxton edition, blue limp leather,—\$3.75.

Irving's Sketch Book, red limp leather,—90c.

Palgrave's Golden Treasury, 2 volumes, red leather, boxed,—\$2.25.

Brook editions of
Crickent on the Hearth
Battle of Life
Chimes
Christmas Carol,—\$1.15

Such classics as
Marble Faun
Silas Marner
Daniel Deronda
Milk and Honey
Hypatia
Last Days of Pompeii
red leather,—90c

Oxford editions of Burns
Keats and Shakespeare, leather, boxed,—\$1.50.

Artistic girts of silver and brass.

Of unique shape and of a rich dull old-brass finish, there are a number of articles that appeal strongly to the gift-searcher.

There are pen-trays and ink-wells and such furniture for the desk, smoking-sets for the den; a number of articles all of unusual pattern,—\$7 and to as little as 25c.

Sterling silver comb and brush sets for babies, dainty and nice,—75c.

Photograph frames of sterling silver, graceful

There is true luxury in the fur coats now ready. There is true and good service, too. And there is delightful warmth and the knowledge that one is dressed stylishly and correctly as well as in entire and satisfying comfort.

For motoring and for walking, a fur coat is alike desirable. It turns the edge of the keenest wind. It keeps one safely warm. It has an air and effect that is given by no other outer garment.

Today, the store's collection is of unusual attraction. Every coat is possessed of merit as well as of style. Each one is cut on correct models and was made by furriers who were specialists. Howland fur coats can be counted on to fit and give service; they will give more and better service because they do fit so well.

Full value is a feature of every coat in the assembly, too. We buy and sell furs as we do all other merchandise; do not look for a fancy profit on them. Not one, but several, of the coats here have been sold for more money by dealers who believe in getting all they possibly can for their merchandise. No, we do not pose as better than other folks; our business methods are different—that is all.

Coney coats—\$35
Marmot coats—\$50
Caracul coats—\$60 to \$100
Blended squirrel coats—\$100 to \$135

Ponyskin coats—\$37.50 to \$95
Nearseal coats—\$47.50 to \$95
Beaver coats—\$150
Japanese mink coats—\$275 to \$135

Among these are coats of all the liked lengths from 36 to 52 inches. All are lined with satin; some in plain colors

shape and in nice patterns,—\$1.50 and to 50c.

Manicure sets mounted in sterling silver, 5 pieces in each set, in attractive box,—\$1.75

Children's sets of knife fork and spoon, sterling silver of graceful pattern,—\$1.75.

Back-combs and barrettes in matching patterns, inlaid with gold or set with white stones, handsome, of special value,—50c.

Left aisle, front.

For toilet table.
Lasting and delightful perfumes are ready in odors that are pleasing. Best perfumers of France and of America have contributed to the collection; not a liked odor is missing now.

Roger & Galet, Spiebler, Riegsecker, Hudnut, Colgate: each has sent those perfumes that we count as best.

\$4.50 to 25c.

Special sorts for little folks. Four or five different sorts in a box or box holding two bottles and a cake of soap,—25c.

Toilet water in excellent odors, packed in boxes that add their holiday appearance,—25c to 75c.

Tourist-cases to hold all one's toilet-needs for a journey, fancy silk with rubber lining,—\$3.50 to 50c.

Ebonoid brush comb and mirror sets, trimmed with sterling silver,—\$1.50.

Center aisle, front.

A warm nice overcoat at fair price.
For young men and for big boys or little, here are overcoats that are right in every way and that are to be bought at less than ever such good coats were sold in any other store hereabouts.

Talk goes only a little way. Inspection goes far. We should like everybody who reads this to come and inspect these coats critically. From fabric to lining, they are thoroughly good. They are made correctly and carefully. They are not only good-looking but they will stay good-looking because they are stitched into place and will stay in place.

Young men's coats, snappy motor style or regular cut, attractive mixtures of indistinct pattern or pretty quiet-toned stripes, gray olive and brown effects mostly, sizes 34 to 38,—\$12.

Boys' overcoats, handsome fancy patterns in gray tan and brown, cut so they hang loosely from the shoulders and yet so they fit right, motor or regular style, sizes 10 to 16,—\$6.

Fur-trimmed overcoats for boys of 3 to 10, nice grade of kersey in navy-blue or brown, made with both collars and cuffs of fur and lined with special care, carefully tailored too,—\$5.

Russian overcoats of all-wool chinchilla and of fancy mixtures that are also all-wool, chinchillas include red gray and blue, button close to neck, look very well, sizes 2 1/2 to 8,—\$5.

Boys' Shop, basement.

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Leggings of comfort & good looks.

For little folks, there is real good looks given by a pair of leggings as well as much warmth. For grown-ups they are a protection against cold.

Several sorts are ready. Newest are Billy Possum for little folks. Cute, and good,—\$1.50.

Astrakhan, red or gray,—\$1.25.

White jersey or corduroy,—\$1.

Red jersey or brown corduroy,—\$1.

Tan goatskin,—\$1.25 and \$1.50.

Tan suede leather,—\$1.50 and \$1.75.

Black jersey, according to size,—50c to \$1.

Overgaiters for women,—23c to \$1.

Shoe room.

An ideal gift is Waterman pen.

In the whole fountain pen family, there is none to excel the Waterman; few to compare with it.

The Waterman commences to write at the very moment one wants it to. It writes smoothly and evenly, without fuss or sputtering. The new Waterman Safety can be carried in any position without danger of leaking.

The new Waterman Self-filler is simple sure and durable; has no parts that will wear out quickly.

Waterman Ideal pens—\$2 and more; from \$3.50 finished with gold bands.

Waterman Safety pens—\$3, with gold trimmings, \$4.

Waterman Self-fillers—\$2.50 and \$4.

Book-shop, main floor, rear.

China of beauty and of service.

European makers of china know how to combine grace of pattern with beauty of decoration and fineness of texture as do no others on earth. There is excellent collection of their work here now, a collection that may be chosen from at small cost and that includes pieces from such potteries as Chas. Field Haviland, Elite, and Haviland et Cie. In addition there is attractive china from Bavaria and Austria.

Chop sets—\$1 to \$14.50.
Chocolate sets—\$1 to \$10.
Berry sets—50c to \$5.50.
Cream sets—25c to \$3.
Cups and saucers—10c to \$1.50.
Chop trays—\$1 to \$2.75.
Salad dishes—25c to \$3.
Cake plates—25c to \$3.75.
Pudding dishes—\$1 to \$3.25.
Muffin dishes—\$1 to \$2.75.
Biscuit and cracker jars—25c to \$3.50.
Mayonnaise bowls—25c to \$1.50.
Cereal bowls and creamers—\$1 to \$2.50.
Milk jars—25c to \$3.
Celery trays—25c to \$2.
Chocolate pots—75c to \$6.
Spoon trays—25c to \$1.25.
Cheese dishes—\$1 to \$2.50.
Dresser sets of five pieces—\$1.75 to \$3.75.
Comb-and-brush trays—25c to \$2.50.

There is a whole tableful, for example, from which any piece may be chosen \$1. There are other tables with collections at even less. You may choose at exactly the price you have in mind; and have wide range for choosing.

Basement.

THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

BALDWIN A SUICIDE.
(Special from United Press.)
Middletown, Conn., Dec. 8.—Frederick Baldwin, 33 years old, the son of Louis Baldwin, a prosperous farmer living a short distance from this city early to-day went to the barn on his father's farm and blew his head off with a shotgun. Ill-health is supposed to have caused the tragedy. Baldwin was unmarried.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Kappa Mu Sigma sorority of the local high school announces their annual informal dance at The Stratford on Monday evening, Dec. 27th. The patronesses for the event are Mrs. Frederick C. Mullins, Mrs. Thomas Arnold, Jr., Mrs. John Greenwood and Mrs. T. Leo Lalley.

Advertise in The Farmer.